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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111(a) and in response to the Office Action of October 29, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the amendments and remarks set forth herein. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the present response includes the following sections.

- **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 if this paper;
- **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.